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## NEWSPAPER OPINION:

Mr. Whitelaw, of the firm of Whitelaw and Crowder, Stone Cutters in Raleigh had a leg broken by the kick of a mule.







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### A PRACTICAL QUESTION.

A few days since a prominent citizen of Augusta met on Broad street a burly countryman, hauling along a large tin pail filled with butter. The citizen immediately halted him and said: "I say my friend, have you any butter for sale?" "Oh, no," was the reply; "I have just bought this at a store up town." "What, you don't make butter on your farm?" "No, indeed," answered the man; "I can buy it cheaper than I can make it." "Ah, indeed," I suppose, then, that you put up on your place all the butter that you use?" "No, can buy it cheaper," "Just so. But you make enough more to supply you?" "No, I can buy it cheaper than I can make it." "Well, what do you make?" "Oh, I make cotton." "Now, my friend," said the merchant, "you say you can buy butter, bacon and corn cheaper than you can make them on your own farm. What would you think if I were to tell you that you could buy cotton cheaper than you can make it?" "And yet such is the case," I will agree to sell you all the cotton you want next year a half a cent cheaper than you can make it. Why plant any cotton then?" This seemed to strike the countryman forcibly. "I will go home and think about what you have said to me," This farmer is not and exception to the rule. How many are there in this section who produce on their farms or plantations anything that they use? Cotton is literally king, and his sceptre is a rod of iron. So long as planters persist in raising the staple to the exclusion of everything else, so long they will be burdened with debt, and the prosperity of the State and the South be retarded. There is no reason why every planter should not produce everything in the way of food needed on the farm. We have been dependent on the West long enough for our meat and bread. Let us declare our independence, demonstrate it in a practical manner.—Augusta Chronicle.

### GARDEN.

The importance of the garden can hardly be overestimated whether we regard it as a source of profit or in the light of a luxury.

We can hardly overrate its value in feeding a family. We might say that a saving of at least one half of the meat and bread ordinarily consumed may be made by a full supply of good, wholesome vegetables and the family at the same time benefited both in regard to the comforts of the table as well as healthfulness; and yet the majority of our farmers have meat and greens for dinner and greens and meat the next day, and so on as if the garden would produce nothing else but greens (cabbage being ordinarily out of the question.) As what we consume constitutes a very large part of the expense of the family in the light of mere economy the product of the acre devoted to vegetables is by far the most profitable acre cultivated on the farm. An acre in vegetables in proximity to a good market often yields a larger clear profit than a whole farm in the country and yet city people regard vegetables not only in the light of luxury and health but also economy. Surely, farmers who buy their meat and often bread too from the cities plus profit and transportation, can afford to make their vegetables which they procure at the prime cost of production.

There is a vast depreciation of the intrinsic value of garden vegetables and one which calls loudly for reformation. We are constantly advocating the cheapening of meat and bread in the South by increase of production. Can we not materially aid in bringing about this desideratum by an increase of garden products?—Let farmers try it and let families become accustomed to their use and soon we shall regard the garden as a safe and good and cheap living.

### SHEEP RAISING.

Last year we paid foreign countries \$50,000,000 for woolen goods, and \$11,000,000 for unmanufactured goods. When we have in the country 20,000,000 more sheep than we have now, we shall only produce the wool we use; and yet there is no country on earth where sheep could be raised so profitably as in the United States. But we are coming every year nearer to supplying our own markets with the wool they demand. In 1875 the wool clip of the country was nearly 200,000,000 pounds while in 1865 it was only 65,000,000.

These are all important facts. The value of sheep raising on the poorer lands of the South can't be over-estimated. It is a safe business properly managed. A sheep never dies involuntarily—its skin and "pail wool" produce a good price. But in Virginia there is a mania for dogs and demagogues, and the legislator who votes to tax a dog or kill a dog, or dars to protect a sheep, must be devoid of laudable ambition, and really does not desire the adornment of his constituent, or to return to the Legislature.—Rural Messenger.

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Men fly from "women of brains," and at the same time long to know a woman of intellect.

Again, they pine for their grandmother, who darning stockings and made pies, and at the same time fall in love with white hands that can't sew on a button!

They mean over our weakness, and ridicule strength, calling it masculine.

Men rave and write about sensible women; but queer to relate, their admiration and reverence for them is so great that they studiously refrain from troubling them with practical attention.

Men despise "pink and white" women; but strange to say, they always marry them—if they can.

We have heard men glorify spirit and independence, but in the next breath give a cruel thrust at the "little vines that want to be coked."

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